

1. (currently amended) Method A method for packaging rolls of web material such as rolls of paper, particularly paper web rolls (5), the method comprising the steps of:

providing a wrapper dispensing system for dispensing wrapping onto a roll of web material, said wrapper dispensing system comprising a wrapper dispensing station and a wrapper dispensing means,

taking supporting a roll of web material into a supported position on a wrapping roll rotation station, (6) and

rotating said roll rotation station with said roll of web material supported thereon, said wrapper dispensing system remaining stationary relative to said rotating supported roll,

dispensing wrapping onto the rotating supported roll a paper web wrapper (1, 1a) or the like material dispensed by means of at least one from said wrapper dispensing station (8) and via said dispensing means (9), whereby the wrapper so that the wrapping is wound so as to form on said rotating supported roll either a centered wrapping or an a stagewise overlapping wrapping, and characterized in that the roll (5) is aligned for the wrapping operation by means of transferring

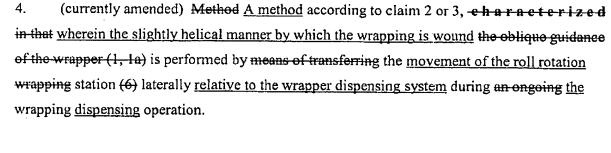
moving the wrapping roll rotation station (6) laterally in the axial direction of the rotating supported roll in regard relative to the wrapper dispensing system (8, 9) during the dispensing step.

- 2. (currently amended) Method A method according to claim 1, characterized in that in wherein the overlap wrapping the paper wrapper (1, 1a) is guided onto the roll (5) being wrapped in an oblique manner so that during wrapping the edges of the wrapper are wound in a slightly helical manner onto the roll being wrapped.
- 3. (currently amended) Method A method according to claim 2, e h a r a e t e r i z e d in that wherein layers of wound wrapping have the sharp edges of the wrapped layers that are aligned partially or entirely overlapping so that a staggeredly staggered stepped bond can be formed therebetween.

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- (currently amended) Method A method according to claim 4, eharacterized in 5. that the wrapper wherein the wrapping is aligned in an oblique a slightly helical position in regard to the wrapper dispensing system roll rotation station.
- 6. (currently amended) Method A method according to any one of foregoing claims 1-5 claim 1, charaeterized in that the further comprising the step of, after the dispensing step, wherein the wrapping being dispensed is a stagewise overlapping paper wrapping, wrapping of a plastic wrap in a helical manner onto the rotating supported roll, said plastic wrap being dispensed from a plastic wrap dispenser incorporated into the is performed in the same wrapping station in conjunction with the wrapping of the paper wrapper dispensing system.

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- 20. (new) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the roll of web material is formed from paper and the wrapper is formed from paper.
- 21. (new) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the wrapping is wound in a stagewise overlapping wrapping in a slightly helical manner onto the roll.



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